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1 2-.DAY BAN ON PUBLIC ACTS. THE GOVT HAS ISSUED AN ORDER PROHIBITING ANY POLITICAL PARTY-SPONSORED PUBLIC ACTS TODAY, THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC, AND TOMORROW. THE MAJOR TRADITIONAL OPPOSITION PARTIES AND THE PRESS HAVE ACCEPTED THIS DECISION AS AN UNDERSTANDABLE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, IN VIEW OF THE TENSIONS ENGENDERED BY THE RESIGNATION OF NAVY MINISTER PITA DA VEIGA AND THE HARSH ATTACKS OF FRAGA'S ALIANZA POPULAR (AP) AND THE EXTREME RIGHT ON THE GOVT'S LEGALIZATION OF THE PCE.

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2. ALIANZA POPULAR KEEPS UP THE PRESSURE. TORCUATO LUCA DE TENA, A P MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF FUNDERS OF MADRID'S CONSERVATIVE "ABC," FOLLOWED UP A SCORCHING ATTACK ON THE GOVT PUBLISHED YESTERDAY IN "ABC" WITH HIS RESIGNATION TODAY FROM THE PARLIAMENT (CORTES) WHERE HE HAD SERVED AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS DESIGNATED PERSONAL-

LY BY FRANCO. HIS LETTER OF RESINGATION CITED THE SUAREZ GOVT'S "MANIPULATION" OF AND "MISREPRESENTATIONS" TO THE CORTES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE LEGALIZATION OF THE PCE, WHICH HE TERMED A "FARCE." LATER TODAY A GROUP OF CORTES MEMBERS LINKED TO AP REPORTEDLY MET TO PREPARE A CALL FOR THE URGENT CONVOCATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY SESSION OF THE CORTES TO DISCUSS PCE LEGALIZATION (I.E., TO RAIL AT THE GOVT).

3. PNV WITHDRAWS FROM "COMMITTEE OF NINE." CITING "DELAYS IN RELEASING BASQUE POLITICAL PRISONERS," THE BASQUE NATIONALIST PARTY (PNV) REPORTEDLY DECIDED YESTERDAY TO WITHDRAW ITS REPRESENTATIVE, JULIO JAUREGUI, FROM THE NEARLY MORIBUND OPPOSITION "COMMITTEE OF NINE." THIS ALSO IS A DISPLAY OF THE PNV'S UNHAPPINESS WITH THE GOVT'S PROHIBITION OF THE PLANNED EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF ABERRI EGUNA AND IS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT, IN THE ADVENT OF ELECTIONS, THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE PRACTICALLY BEEN EXHAUSTED. STABLER

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